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It's that time of year again, and I'm sure we all know by now that you just don't drink and drive. But to make sure we all pay special attention to the rule, our local RIDE programs have started in full force and will continue to operate in full force through the Holidays to January 2, 2006.

This year, if you are found (as you should be) sober while driving, you will be given a ballot. You can fill out that ballot and drop it off at any of the participating businesses and be eligible for a great prize. Every Friday between 9 and 11 a.m., someone's name will be drawn live on Canoe FM 100.9

In total, there will be 6 weekly prizes and one grand prize draw at the end of it all. Those businesses participating in this year's program are: Robinson's General Store in Dorset, Dollo's IGA, Easton's Valumart in Minden; Haliburton IGA and Todd's Independent in Haliburton; and the Wilberforce IGA.

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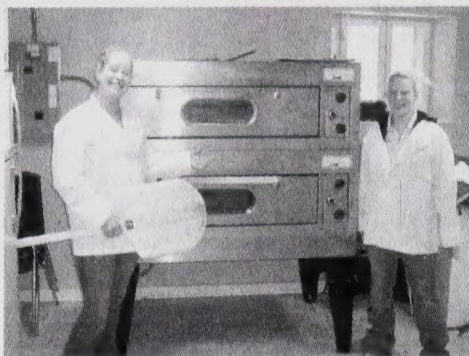
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The grand opening of the pizza oven at the Highlands Community Learning Centre scheduled for Thursday November 24 and described in the Communicator was unfortunately affected by the winter storms and bus cancellations that day.

The event has been rescheduled for Tuesday December 13. The format will be the same: an open house from 12 to 2 and from 4 to 6, with the ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m.



Also, there will be tasty pizza to try, and a bake sale, and catalogue vendors such as Pampered Chef and Mary Kay who will be donating a portion of their sales to support the school.

The HCLC is located in the Victoria Street School in Haliburton. The pizza oven is already being well used for baking healthy pizzas and muffins for students at Stuart Baker and J.D. Hodgson elementary schools.

For more information contact the school at 457-4562.

Feed Two Birds with One Scone... Empty Bowls are Still Available!

Buy an Empty Bowl for yourself, or as a holiday gift for someone you love! For those who were unable to attend Haliburton's first Empty Bowls event, bowls are still available for purchase at the Rail's End Gallery for the month of December.

Bowls are \$20.00 each and all proceeds go to the 4C's food bank. Help us bring the \$4000.00 raised for the 4C's up to \$5000.00, just in time for the holidays. Over 130 bowls were made by Barbara Joy Peel, Rickie Woods, Debbie and Grahame Wales, Thom Lambert, Sylvia and Wayne Rose, Margery Cartwright, Lisa Barry, Matt Mihlik, Wayne Cardinalli and April Gates.

On November 17th, the first Empty Bowls event was held at Fleming College, whereby people attended, purchased an "empty bowl" and had it filled with soup. When done, they got to keep the bowl.

Money raised was contributed to the 4C's. Since there were so many wonderful bowls created, some still remain, so that is why you still have a chance to purchase one of these beautiful creations and still help a fantastic cause.

To get your bowl, be sure to head to Rails End Gallery anytime in December!!

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Sir Sam's Makes Winter More Fun – For 40 Years Now!!

The development of Haliburton County as a tourism destination is almost a hundred years old if you include the early lodges that began to dot Lake Kashagawigamog at the beginning of the last century. But it really wasn't until the early 1950s when the post-war boom – and rock-bottom prices for Crown Land – ushered in the full-scale development of Haliburton's pristine lakes and rivers.

The explosion of cottages in the late 1950s and early 1960s transformed not only the landscape of the lakes and forests, but also resulted in profound change to the community as well. Servicing the summer cottage community translated into much needed jobs, in construction, retail, restaurants, and municipal services – in fact in all areas of the County's economic and social life. But in those days when Labour Day came, the cottagers went – and the vast majority stayed away until the next May 24th weekend. Winter tourism? In Haliburton, it simply didn't exist.

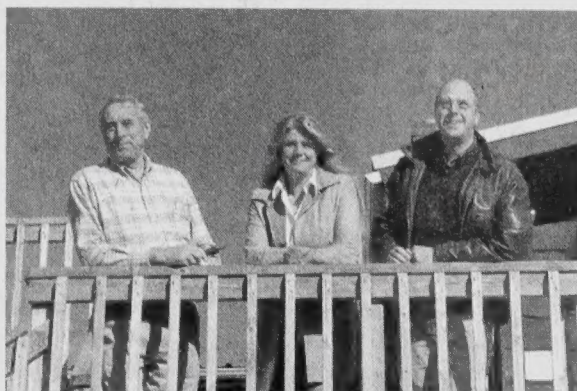
Until, that is, the spring of 1965 when Haliburton Highlands Properties Ltd, owned by R.J. Bishop and family, took a huge leap of faith and bought Sir Sam Hughes' original hunting lodge and property on Eagle Lake, which included extensive shoreline, and 1800 acres. By the fall of 1965 the lodge had been totally renovated and upgraded and the first T-bar lift and three trails installed and created on what was to become the Sir Sam's Ski Area. And 40 years later, as it celebrates its anniversary, the Bishop family can be justly proud of Sir Sam's status as one of Ontario's premier downhill ski and snowboarding destinations. And it's hard to over-estimate the importance and influence Sir Sam's has had on the over-all development of

Haliburton as a year-round tourist destination.

And as owner R.J. (Bob) Bishop recalls, success was far from easy, or quick. "Haliburton back then was simply not thought of in the same breath as Muskoka: we had a much smaller permanent population and we weren't nearly as accessible. We needed a lot of patience in the early days, for sure."

He also recalls the delivery of the first T-bar, which was eventually installed by Ron Sisson and his crew: "Ron and I spent three days sitting on the opened crates after they were unloaded wondering how on earth all these pieces might eventually fit together: it was like a huge mechano set." But fit together it did, and forty years later is still in use, as safe and sturdy as ever. Within a few years the original two-storey chalet was constructed and in 1972 three more trails and a double chairlift were added. Within another decade a second chair lift and three more trails appeared, and the business appeared to be on very firm footing. In 1979 the Bishops decided to sell Sir Sam's Inn to the Orr family and concentrate on the Ski Hill. The two businesses have co-existed and co-operated happily ever since.

As the 1980s progressed the business continued to prosper, but there were years when the weather didn't cooperate (in 1982 they couldn't open until January 17th). Bob began to realize that future growth would require a state-of-



Pictured left to right is Bob, Angela & Chris



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Sir Sam's Ski A Great Way To Enjoy Winter

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the-art snowmaking system. In 1988 a system was installed which now consists of 7000 feet of 6 inch pipe buried throughout the property, which has made a huge difference to the operation of the business.

The Bishops have invested millions in Sir Sam's, and it remains one of only two major ski areas in Ontario that are still family owned. Bob and his wife Noreen still run the show, along with sons Chris (sales and marketing), J.D. (snow making and grooming) and daughter Angela (food and beverage) as managers, along with long-time employee Derek Rodley, who's in charge of all the heavy equipment. During the winter months Sir Sam's employs upwards of 50 people, full and part time. And just take a look at the range of activities offered throughout the season.

Great Programs For The Entire Family

For starters Sir Sam's offers Ski School programs for the entire family: from the Kinderski level for three year olds and up to the Juvenile program for six year olds, the Juvenile Racing program, ages nine and up and beginning programs for skiers of all ages. They also offer Beginner snowboard programs at very reasonable rates. The Ski School staff also offers refresher lessons to skiers who've been away from the hills for a number of years, but want to come back and see what they've been missing!

The Facility Hosts: 2 Quad Chair Lifts, 2 Double Chair Lifts, 1 T-Bar lift and 1 Pony Tow lift, 12 Groomed runs to challenge every level of ability, A Rental shop with every skiers/snowboarders need; Sir Sam's Ski School, proficiently teaching both Skiing and Snowboarding to all ages; Track 3 Program for disabled skiers and a first class Ski Patrol.



For Snowboarders: Use of all Lifts and Trails, Series of Boxes and Jumps to challenge all levels, Terrain Park including boarder cross hill, and Special Snowboard Challenges during the season.

The beautiful multi-room chalet hosts 4 fireplaces with a home like atmosphere. Sir Sam's hosts 12 runs and a view at the top that is only matched by the view of the slopes from the chalet's huge windows and outdoor deck. For skiers, snowboarders, and visitors alike, facilities include a rental Shop, cafeteria, Sammy's Pub, and 2 Coffee Huts. Mother nature supplies us with goodly amounts of fresh powder, but their

first class snowmaking equipment guarantees great conditions all winter long. Filled with fun for the whole family, Sir Sam's is an excellent destination for all ages.



Happy 40th Anniversary Sir Sam's!!

Sir Sam's holds a special place in the history of Haliburton's development. Its birth really brought winter tourism to life in the County, and the family's vision and dedication have ensured its continued success.

Sir Sam's 40th anniversary season begins this Saturday, December 10th. For further information, and to sign up for Christmas Ski School, call 705 754-2298, or email at sirsams.skiarea@candlelight.ca or check out their comprehensive website, www.sirsams.com.

Sir Sam's Ski Area Hours of Operation

Weekdays open 9:30am - 4:00pm

Weekends & Holidays open 9:30am - 4:30pm

5 days per week - Wednesday to Sunday

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Sir Sam's Ski Events



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There are special events taking place all season. Pictured

are highlights from three of the many events.

Why not come out and join in the fun this season!!



Saturday December 10th	Sir Sam's Ski Area Opens (Weather permitting, of course!)
Saturday January 14th	Registration for Sir Sam's Ski Challenge \$1000 Grand Prize! Plus \$3000 in other prizes to be won.
Sunday January 15th	1st Race of Sir Sam's Ski Challenge A total of eight races, held every Sunday at noon. Cash Prizes and medals awarded after each race. Three leagues to choose from. No entrance fee required!
Saturday February 4th	Retro Dinner and Dance Celebrating 40 years in business. Featuring Dave Bright, "Blast from the Past". \$20 per person, with tickets available in advance.
Saturday February 18th	Community Living Fun Day Pledge forms can be picked up at the Community Living Office in Haliburton. There will be a silent auction, downhill activities, raffles, and snowball-oons!
Friday February 24th	Men's Day - Free Ski Rentals! A great way to kick off the weekend! Ticket includes breakfast, a BBQ lunch, dinner, prizes, and a whole lot of fun! Tickets are limited, so book now! \$100 per person.
Friday March 3rd	Ladies Day - Free Ski Rentals! Who says the boys get all the fun? This time it's the ladies who get breakfast, a BBQ lunch, dinner, and prizes. Always a good time! Tickets are limited, so book now! \$100 per person.
Saturday March 4th	Final Race of Sir Sam's Ski Challenge Grand prize will be awarded. You must ski the final race and at least three races in your series in order to qualify for the grand prize of \$1000 or any of the other great prizes.
March 10th to March 19th	March Break! Will be open every single day! Don't forget to bring your sunscreen! Events include a deck BBQ and an ice cream sale. It's Spring Skiing at it's finest! A great time for the whole family!
Saturday March 25th	Spring Splash! A not to be missed "End of Season" event. There will be races, puddle jumping, and prizes! A fun event to participate in or to observe from the safety of the deck.



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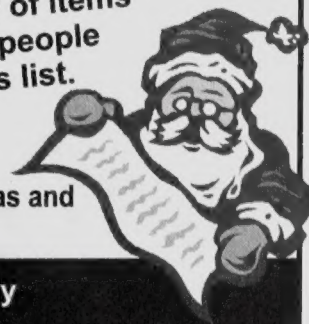
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But before the cashier could comply, the gun went off and Baccus fell dying, shot in the head. The gunman cried "Oh my God" and fled, but police quickly caught Joseph Allen Wilson, 18, who told them that the shooting was an accident. Baccus was in on the crime, police discovered; the two men planned to split up the loot. Wilson was charged with robbery and involuntary manslaughter.



HEAD CASE II: Christopher Bonadiman, 20, and Richard Allan Eppard, 20, allegedly decided to pull a drive-by shooting in Fontana, Calif. Bonadiman, who was driving, apparently approached their target from the wrong direction, meaning Eppard had to shoot through the driver's window. As they tracked by the victim, Eppard kept shooting — and hit Bonadiman in the head. Their target was not injured. "I would say that this is probably one of the stupidest people we've come across in a very long time," a police spokesman said. Eppard has been charged with murder.

Fleming's Semi-Annual Student Art Exhibition and Sale

By Sandy Gilbert

On Saturday, Dec. 10, Fleming College's Haliburton School of the Arts will be holding their semi-annual Student Art Exhibition and Sale.

Student's from this semester's certificate programs will be exhibiting their work in Ceramics, Drawing and Painting, Artist Blacksmithing and Textiles Surface Design. It's also an excellent opportunity to see the emerging artists at work in their studios.

Watch as ceramic artists turn clay into beautiful bowls and plates, and artist blacksmiths hammer red-hot iron into whatever shapes they can imagine. Drawing and painting students will be bringing scenes to life on canvas and Textile students will be creating the latest fashions.

The students in all four studios will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the certificate programs or about their current project. It's truly an opportunity to experience the creative atmosphere that Haliburton School of the Arts has to offer.

So come to the Great Hall at Haliburton School of the Arts on Saturday Dec. 10 from 10 am to 4pm. The student's accomplishments this semester are remarkable, and it's definitely a show that can't be missed. Refreshments will be served.

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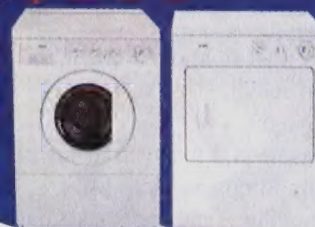
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A trade paperback edition will be released to regular bookstores in January.

"It's not a happy read, but we hope it will balance some the bird flu hysteria seen daily in the media," says Jim Poling Sr.

A Little About The Author:

Jim Poling Sr. spent 35 years in daily journalism before becoming a freelance writer in 1997. He was born in Port Arthur, Ontario and lived in Sault Ste. Marie, Edmonton, Ottawa, Vancouver and Toronto



during his news career. He has been a frequent contributor to Cottage Life, Ontario Out of Doors and Readers Digest. He is the retired General Manager and Editor of The Canadian Press and a former City Editor of the Sault Daily Star. He now spends most of his time writing commissioned non-fiction, plus fiction on spec. He splits his time between Alliston, Ontario and Dorset in Haliburton County.

Jim has studied Italian, French, Ojibwe. His hobbies, aside from writing, include Recreational flying, opera, golf, fishing/hunting

Recent Works:

Killer Flu: The world on the brink of a pandemic
(Altitude Publishing, Canmore, Alberta, Nov. 2005)

Tom Thomson: The Life and Mysterious Death of the Famous Canadian Painter (Altitude—Fall 2003)

Lights in Dark Forests (Shaman's Rock—short stories—Winter 2003)

The Decoy (Key Porter Books Fall 2001)

The Canoe: An Illustrated History
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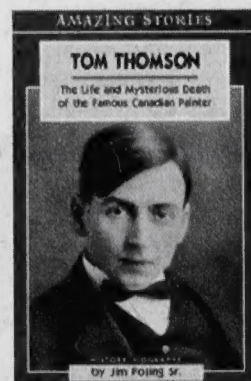


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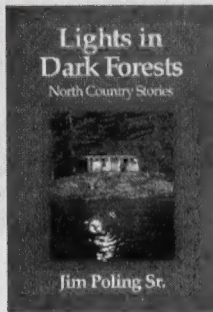


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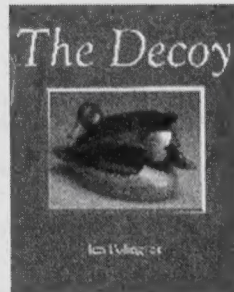
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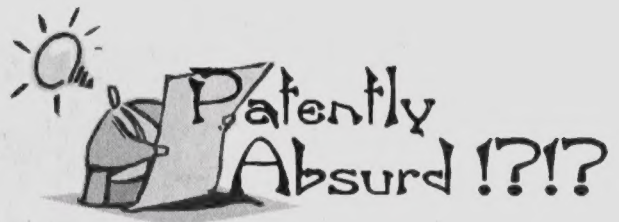
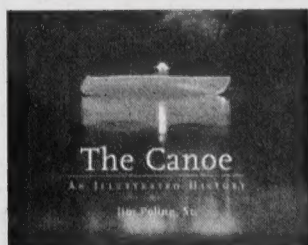


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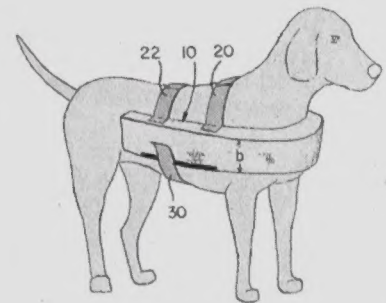
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Carol and Stan opened Grumpy's Taxi in March of 1999 and have seen their business grow through every year since. Grumpy's now boasts 15 cars and vans in their regular fleet, although during the winter months only about 5 are on the road at any one time. "We really feel we're in the service



their customers to realize that the limo isn't going to get down some of Haliburton's narrow country roads in the middle of winter. But they're more than willing to meet people at a convenient junction point if that's required.

Both the Wilson's are grateful for the welcome and support their business, and themselves, have received from this community over the years. Stan has long-time roots in West Guilford – his grandmother was a Titus – and they're also grateful to their long-time employee Doreen Smith, who's been with them from the beginning.

Grumpy's Taxi can be reached at 457-2276 or 286-6880. You can book the limousines at either number as well, or call Showtime direct at 286-3406.

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Carol & Stan

business," says Carol, "and we know our staff all feel the same way. In Haliburton there are so many people who can't get around any other way, and we know how to take care of them, efficiently and politely."

Carol and Stan have a long history in the business. Stan's Dad drove cab for Becks in Toronto's east end for 30 years, and Stan himself was in the towing and delivery business for many years. When Stan's Dad, known as Grumpy to his grandchildren, passed away he left his pride and joy, and 1988 Oldsmobile 98, to Carol, who loved the big old American machines. When Carol and Stan started the cab company, with the old Oldsmobile, it seemed natural to call it Grumpy's in his honour.

Why a limo business? Stan says, "It just seemed to make sense to us that Haliburton County was ready for an all-occasion limousine service. We're available for weddings, anniversaries, dinner and theatre nights out, proms of course, airport pick up and delivery, and even for funerals, if needed. And this Lincoln is a really beautiful machine. It can seat up to 10 people, has a wet bar, a dry bar, TV, VCR, stereo, of course, and a beautiful leather interior. And for smaller groups we have our regular-size Cadillac standing by."

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Meet Kim & Wilma of Soundings Studio ...

Meet The Artist

Haliburton County has benefited greatly over the last few decades by the many cottagers who've chosen to spend

their retirement years in the community. Some of those benefits are obviously economic – but many more are rooted in our cultural and social fabric, adding a deep and important layer of experience, even wisdom, to our ongoing collective journey.

Throughout Kim and Wilma Warne's professional and personal lives the spiritual has been front and centre. The Warne's built their cottage on Minnicock Lake in the early 1970s, brought here by their friends and colleagues Dr. Gordon Freer and his wife Arly who had land on Minnicock.

Kim and Wilma had originally met at the University of British Columbia and both went on to careers as teachers and educators. Eventually Kim became an ordained United Church minister, and Wilma continued to pursue her interests in textiles while she raised their family.

Wilma was born in Port Simpson in the Tsimshian Territory of B.C., the daughter of a clergyman. The little girl was formally adopted into the Tsimshian nation, an association of which she's very proud. Wilma has worked with fabric all her life, and her connection to the Tsimshian peoples shows up in much of her work.

In the mid 1990s the Warnes moved to their Minnicock cottage full time. Their friend Gordon Freer had been a stone carver for many years, and his work was an inspiration to Kim. Freer encouraged Kim to try his hand at sculpting stone, which he did. Sandy Cline, at

the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, taught him the rudiments of sculpting, and he was on his way. Kim has always been a passionate learner and delights in new challenges. His own style

of soapstone and marble sculpture was developed with some significant help from an Inuit couple, Augiak and Nija Novalinga. And soon, what had started out as a kind of vocation soon became a full-blown creative passion.

The work is demanding, and sometimes intense. "I'm supposed to be retired," Kim jokes, "but I'll tell you if I ever find my foreman, I'm going to wring his neck." Kim truly loves the actual process of sculpting with soapstone and marble. "Each creation, each piece is a wonderful adventure –

and you don't really know where that adventure is going to end until the piece is finished. One time I was working on the beak of a hummingbird piece with my riffler, a sculptor's tool akin to a file, but better at creating a smooth line. The back and forth motions of the riffler produced a particular tone that was truly mesmerizing. Suddenly the tone went flat: and I knew that the work was finished."

"It's hard to describe how exciting it is to create something when you don't discover exactly what it is until the end, as opposed to the beginning."

Kim Warne's distinctive and beautiful pieces of birds and bears, and his delicate silhouettes have been a regular part of Haliburton's Studio Tour for many years. He's also had exhibits across the province, and has received many noteworthy corporate and private commissions.

Wilma Warne, for her part, produces beautiful pieced quilts, wall hangings, placemats and dream catchers. Her work has been very



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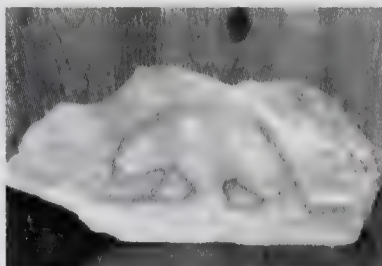
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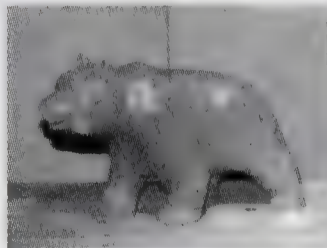
The Warnes call their home and studio on Minnicook “Soundings”, a reference to the term used for measuring the depths of water. Kim sees it as an apt description of this chapter in their lives, filled as it is with personal and spiritual growth and introspection.

Kim and Wilma's remarkable



... and the finished product!

work can be seen by appointment at their Soundings studio. You may contact them at 705 457-2163, or by email at Info@soapstonecarvings.com. You may also view many of the Warne's work and even order some



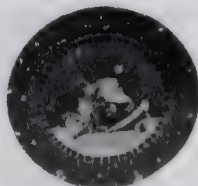
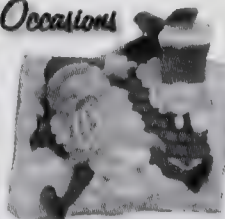
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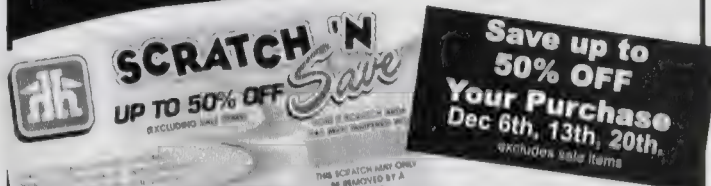
All you can eat for a buck!! Sounds too good to be true, but in this case, it is true – and it's also for a good cause.

The South Algonquin Cookhouse Restaurant in Harcourt will be spreading some Christmas joy on Sunday December 18th as they will be holding a Christmas buffet for only \$1 per person. Yes, you read it right! For only one dollar, you can come enjoy the buffet featuring ham, ribs, roast beef, meatballs, roast potatoes, veggies, cheese trays, fresh fruit trays, salads, desserts, tea, coffee, and more.

All this for only one dollar ... or if you're feeling generous, a donation in the amount of your choice. All money raised will be donated to local charities. As owner John Bower says, "I really care about this area. I thought this would be a good idea because not everyone can afford to come out for a nice buffet, but for only a dollar, they could come out and enjoy a great meal, and at the same time the buffet can be used as a fundraiser."

What a great way to spend a Sunday just before Christmas, and help out a great fundraiser. The buffet will run from 2pm till 6pm and all are welcome. The South Algonquin Cookhouse is located in the village of Harcourt and can be reached by calling 448-2322.

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*Feeling old? Here's a comical look at life in 1975 and life now...
for those who remember their "cool" youthful life in 1975...*

1975: Long hair
2005: Longing for hair

1975: KEG
2005: EKG

1975: Acid rock
2005: Acid reflux

1975: Tryin to look like
Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor
2005: Trying NOT to look
like Marlon Brando or Liz
Taylor

1975: Seeds and stems
2005: Roughage

1975: Moving to California because it's cool
2005: Moving to Arizona because it's warm

1975: Hoping for a BMW
2005: Hoping for a BM

1975: Going to a new, hip
joint
2005: Receiving a new hip
joint

1975: Rolling Stones
2005: Kidney Stones

1975: Being called into the
principal's office
2005: Calling the principal's
office

1975: Screw the system
2005: Upgrade the system

1975: Disco
2005: Costco

1975: Parents begging you to
get your hair cut
2005: Children begging you to
get their heads shaved

1975: Passing the drivers' test
2005: Passing the vision test

1975: Whatever
2005: Depends

**Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this
will certainly change things..**

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation
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They have always had an answering machine.

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They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a
Camel", or "de plane, Boss, de plane".

They do not care who shot J. R. and have
no idea who J. R. even is.

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The massive upgrades to the hydro line that snakes along County Road 21 between Minden and Haliburton have been perhaps the most visible Hydro construction the County's seen in years. In fact, the amount of bush cleared and rock faces leveled could lead you to believe that a four-lane highway was being planned.



But don't worry, 21 isn't about to become 421 any time soon. According to Bill Smeaton, Hydro One's Front Line Manager in Minden, the upgrades are all part of regular maintenance and repair. "Hydro monitors all the major lines throughout the County for the frequency and duration of power outages caused by storms, fallen trees, and so on. And when those numbers begin to tell us that our repair and maintenance costs for those lines are becoming unacceptable, then an upgrade is in order."

Most of the County Road 21 line in fact snaked through the bush, only meeting the highway occasionally along the way. So the first job was to take the line right out of the bush, hence the need for clearing. Next, Hydro decided to add extra capacity to the line so as to be prepared for future expanded electricity use across the County. This meant that the new, 44,000 Volt line required much bigger poles and towers.

The work is nearing completion, although this fall's high wind storms have pulled the crew away from Haliburton on a number of occasions. This past two weeks has seen the crew go to Muskoka, where the damage caused by the last wind storm was much greater than Haliburton's. But Smeaton says they'll be back soon to finish the job, which will mean significantly fewer power outages for the area.

And that's not all: this coming May Hydro will start a similar project on Highway 118 East, taking that line out of the bush from Burke's Road just outside of Haliburton all the way to Tory Hill. The long-term goal is to make certain that all of Haliburton's major feeder lines are easily accessible and away from the forest.



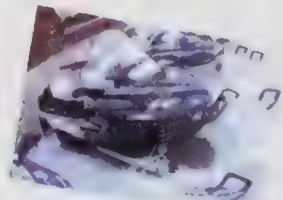
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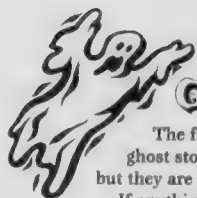
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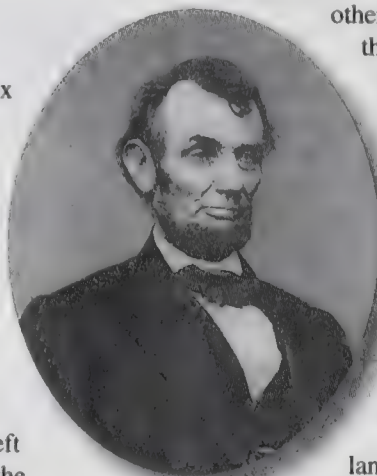
The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Abraham Lincoln

On April 9, 1865, Robert E. Lee surrendered his Confederate forces to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

Although the last Rebel troops would not surrender until May, the Civil War was effectively over. The Union had held. But, a weary President Abraham Lincoln would not live to see the triumphant march of the Army of the Potomac through the streets of Washington. Just five days later, on April 14, 1865, he was shot by a Southern sympathizer, John Wilkes Booth, in Ford's Theater. He died the next day.

Psychics believe that President Lincoln has never left the White House, that his spirit remains to complete the business of his abbreviated second term and to be available in times of crisis. For seventy years, presidents, first ladies, guests, and members of the White House staff have claimed to have either seen Lincoln or felt his presence.



Liz Carpenter, press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson, told author John Alexander that Mrs. Johnson believed she'd felt Lincoln's presence one spring evening while watching a television program about his death. She noticed a plaque she'd never seen before hanging over the fireplace. It mentioned Lincoln's importance in that room in some way. Mrs. Johnson admitted feeling a strange coldness and a decided sense of unease.

This disquieting apprehension has been felt by others. Grace Coolidge, wife of Calvin Coolidge, the thirtieth president, was the first person to report having actually seen the ghost of Abraham Lincoln. She said he stood at a window of the Oval Office, hands clasped behind his back, gazing out over the Potomac, perhaps still seeing the bloody battlefields beyond.

The ghost of Lincoln was seen frequently during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, when the country went through a devastating depression then a world war.

When Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands was a guest at the White House during that period she was awakened one night by a knock on her bedroom door. Thinking it might be an important message, she got up and opened the door. The top-hatted figure of President Lincoln stood in the hallway. The queen fainted. When she came to she was lying on the floor. The apparition had vanished.

Eleanor Roosevelt used Lincoln's bedroom as her study. Although she denied seeing the former president's ghost, she admitted to feeling his presence whenever she worked late at night. She thought he was standing behind her, peering over her shoulder.

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On one occasion, Mrs. Roosevelt's secretary, Mary Eben, encountered Lincoln's ghost sitting on the bed in the northwest bedroom. He was pulling on his boots, as if in a hurry to go somewhere. The startled young woman screamed and ran from the second floor. Other staffers of that era said they'd seen Lincoln lying quietly on his bed that afternoon.

Seamstress Lillian Rogers Parks detailed in her autobiography a mystifying experience that she had one summer day in that same northwest room. It had just been freshly painted and she was putting it back in order. The White House was almost empty because the Roosevelts had gone to Hyde Park, taking most of the maids with them. As Mrs. Parks worked, she kept hearing someone coming to the door, but she never saw anyone. In fact, the second floor was deserted.

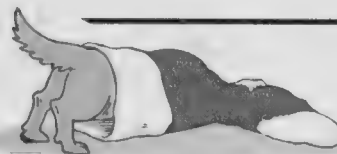
After an hour of listening to the tromping, Mrs. Parks went searching for the source. On the third floor she found a houseman. She asked him why he kept pacing the second floor. He shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. "I haven't been on that floor. I just came on duty. That was Abe you heard."

During Harry S. Truman's administration, his daughter, Margaret, slept in that area of the White House and often heard rappings on her bedroom door late at night. Whenever she checked, no one was there. She complained to her father and he said the "noises" must be due to dangerous settling of the floors. He ordered the White House completely rebuilt. It was a propitious decision. The chief architect, Major Gen. E. Edgerton, told President Truman that the building had been in danger of imminent collapse! Had the ghost of Lincoln tried to warn the Trumans that the president's home was ready to fall down?

Thirty years after the rebuilding of the White House, the Lincoln Bedroom was still regarded as a spooky place. Susan Ford, daughter of President Gerald Ford, said publicly that she believes in ghosts and ruining her stay in the White House she had no intention of ever sleeping in that room.

Stories of a ghostly President Lincoln wandering the corridors and rooms of the White House persist, but are not officially acknowledged. The gangly prairie lawyer with the black stovepipe hat and the long, sad face was the kind of man around whom legends naturally collect. If one were to believe in ghosts, one would have to believe that the benevolent spirit of Abraham Lincoln, still watches over the nation he fought so gallantly to preserve.

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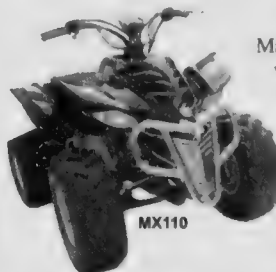
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As yet, however, no one is considering co-op housing. The Haliburton County Community Co-operative is wondering if there is any interest in exploring bringing co-op housing to the County. The HCCC is willing to support the exploration of such an initiative if there is sufficient interest to form an organizing group. For more information on co-op housing, visit www.chfc.ca

Are you interested? If so, please contact Heather Ross at heatherross@sympatico.ca. If there is interest, the HCCC will host an organizing meeting in January, 2006.

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Redstone River Luge Open House

Everyone Welcome To Check Out Natural Track Luge Demonstrations December 17

Got any plans for December 17th? Why not head out to the local luge track from 1.00 - 4.00 p.m. for the club's Open House/ Fun Day.

It's a great opportunity to check out the track, meet some lugers and watch natural track luge demonstrations.

This event is weather dependant so we recommend calling ahead to confirm. Folks are also welcome to call for more information. The phone number is (705) 754-1873 ask for Robert or Lesley.

Meet the Author: Alayna Munce December 13th

Another local author, Alayna Munce, will be discussing her novel, *When I Was Young And In My Prime*, on December 13th at 1:30pm at the Knox United Church in Dorset. All are welcome to join in this afternoon book discussion sponsored by the Dorset Writer in Residence in conjunction with Friends of the Library, Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network (HHWEN), Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) and the Haliburton County Public Library.

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In 1936, Edward Breck, son of John, launched the Breck shampoo hysteria when he placed girls' portraits on his advertisements for his product. Breck hired a commercial artist, Charles Sheldon, to create lively images of beautiful, healthy girls with luscious hair as a way to sell shampoo. And boy, did it work!

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Chicken Soup for the Soul

by Victoria Schlintz

Featured in Chicken Soup for the Nurse's Soul

It was an unusually quiet day in the emergency room December twenty fifth. Quiet, that is, except for the nurses who were standing around the nurses' station grumbling about having to work Christmas Day.

I was triage nurse that day and had just been out to the waiting room to clean up. Since there were no patients waiting to be seen at the time, I came back to the nurses' station for a cup of hot cider from the crock pot someone had brought in for Christmas. Just then an admitting clerk came "back and told me I had five patients waiting to be evaluated.

I whined, "Five, how did I get five? I was just out there and no one was in the waiting room."

Well, there are five signed in." So I went straight out and called the first name. Five bodies showed up at my triage desk, a pale petite woman and four small children in somewhat rumpled clothing.

"Are you all sick?" I asked suspiciously.

"Yes," she said weakly and lowered her head.

"Okay," I replied, unconvinced, "who's first?" One by one they sat down, and I asked the usual preliminary questions. When it came to descriptions of their presenting problems, things got a little vague. Two of the children had headaches, but the headaches weren't accompanied by the normal body language of holding the head or trying to keep it still or squinting or grimacing. Two children had earaches, but only one could tell me which ear was affected. The mother complained of a cough but seemed to work to produce it.

Something was wrong with the picture. Our hospital policy, however, was not to turn away any patient, so we would see them. When I explained to the mother that it might be a little while before a doctor saw her because, even though the waiting room was empty, ambulances had brought in several, more critical patients, in the back, she responded, "Take your time; it's warm in here." She turned and, with a smile, guided her brood into the waiting room.

On a hunch (call it nursing judgment), I checked the chart after the admitting clerk had finished registering the family. No address-they were homeless. The waiting room was warm. I looked out at the family huddled by the Christmas tree. The littlest one was pointing at the television and exclaiming something to her mother. The oldest one was looking at her reflection in an ornament on the Christmas tree.

I went back to the nurses' station and mentioned we had a homeless family in the waiting room-a mother and four children between four and ten years of age. The nurses, grumbling about working Christmas, turned to compassion for a family just trying to get warm on Christmas. The team went into action, much as we do when there's a medical emergency. But this one was a Christmas emergency.

We were all offered a free meal in the hospital cafeteria on

Working Christmas Day

Christmas Day, so we claimed that meal and prepared a banquet for our Christmas guests.

We needed presents. We put together oranges and apples in a basket one of our vendors had brought the department for Christmas. We made little goodie bags of stickers we borrowed from the X ray department, candy that one of the doctors had brought the nurses, crayons the hospital had from a recent colouring contest, nurse bear buttons the hospital had given the nurses at annual training day and little fuzzy bears that nurses clipped onto their stethoscopes. We also found a mug, a package of powdered cocoa and a few other odds and ends. We pulled ribbon and wrapping paper and bells off the department's decorations that we had all contributed to. As seriously as we met the physical needs of the patients that came to us that day, our team worked to meet the needs, and exceed the expectations, of a family who just wanted to be warm on Christmas Day.

We took turns joining the Christmas party in the waiting room. Each nurse took his or her lunch break with the family, choosing to spend his or her "off duty" time with these people whose laughter and delightful chatter became quite contagious.

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Or, as Barb Morrow, the Exalted Mother of The Red Hats of Haliburton County puts it, “we have no awful bake sales. We don’t even want to think about them.” These, and other dangerous and subversive thoughts, can be heard regularly at the monthly luncheons the Red Hat Ladies hold where no money is raised, no social issues are addressed, and where there are no rules. In fact, the Red Hat Society, founded just 7 years ago in California, specifically forbids rules, but there is what is described as “one inflexible



guideline: you must be a woman over 50 and you must wear official regalia (purple clothes and a red hat) to society functions.”

“It’s an excellent guideline,” says Mother Morrow, “it makes us all look like overripe plums with a cherry on top.”

The idea for the Red Hats came initially from a poem by Jenny Joseph entitled “Warning”, which started out:

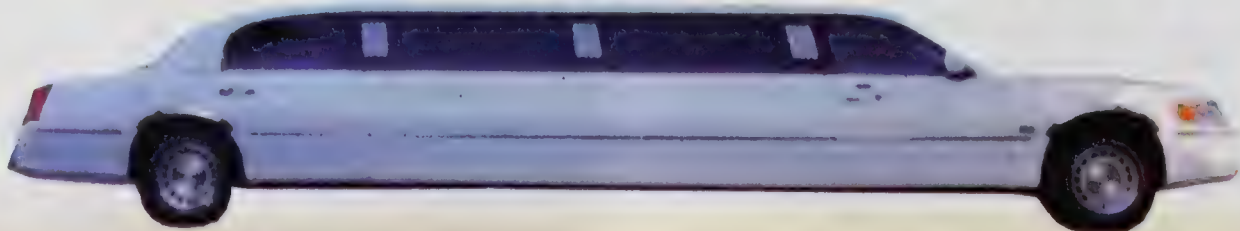
“When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn’t go, and doesn’t suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we’ve no money for butter.”

Within a few years of the founding of the Red Hats the worldwide membership had grown to over a million frivolous ladies in more than 41,000 chapters. All devoted to having fun and doing nothing worthwhile. They don’t even take age, death and dying seriously! As Exalted Mother Morrow comments, “we were issued new Red Hat membership cards that actually have an expiry date. We’ve thrown them out and gone back to the ones that have no expiry date. Just like us.”

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The Haliburton Red Hatters, Chapter Number 557, was founded in May of 2001. The County also boasts two other Chapters based in Minden, the Scarlet O'Minden Walkers, and the Crimson Belles. Membership hovers around the 20 to 30 mark, if anyone's counting, which no one is. Last summer the Haliburton Branch was suddenly seized by the idea of having even more fun, and chartered a boat trip around Eagle Lake. "We ran out of gas half way through, and ended up just floating around", says Barb. Adds fellow Hatter Elinore Bagg, "I don't think anyone really noticed."



If there's any seriousness at all to the Red Hatters, it might be found in the slightly edgy lines of the Society's theme song refrain: "All of my life, I've done for you, now it's my turn to do for me." Or, as the Hatters web site states, "We are the mothers, grandmothers, and daughters of society. Little girls grow up, but they're never too old to play dress-up and have tea parties."

If you wish to find out more about this frivolous, irresponsible and socially retrograde organization, you may contact Barb Morrow by email at barbmorrow@sympatico.ca, or by phone at 705 457-9595, or check out the society's website, www.redhatsociety.com.

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When it was my turn, I sat with them at the little banquet table we had created in the waiting room. We talked for a while about dreams. The four children were telling me about what they wanted to be when they grow up. The six year old started the conversation. "I want to be a nurse and help people," she declared.

After the four children had shared their dreams, I looked at the mom. She smiled and said, "I just want my family to be safe, warm and content-just like they are right now."

The "party" lasted most of the shift, before we were able to locate a shelter that would take the family in on Christmas Day. The mother had asked that their charts be pulled, so these patients were not seen that day in the emergency department. But they were treated.

As they walked to the door to leave, the four year old came running back, gave me a hug and whispered, "Thanks for being our angels today." As she ran back to join her family, they all waved one more time before the door closed. I turned around slowly to get back to work, a little embarrassed for the tears in my eyes. There stood a group of my co-workers, one with a box of tissues, which she passed around to each nurse who worked a Christmas Day she will never forget.

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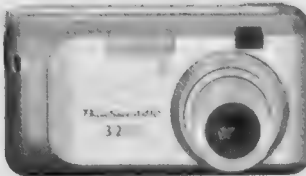
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Conny and Arend Meiling started in the campground business in their native Holland before coming to Canada and owning and operating a large restaurant, resort and banquet hall facility in Penetanguishene. "The work was very demanding," says Conny. "When you're catering to over 80 people a night, and sometimes over 200, you don't have much time for anything else." The Meilings thought that the Heather Lodge, although needing a lot of work, presented a terrific opportunity for



The Meilings

themselves, and their daughter Paula, a professional chef, to specialize in more personalized service. Although Arend admits that "although I'm a qualified builder, I still didn't really realize just how much work I was getting myself into."

But the old lodge, with its charming and comfortable salon and dining room overlooking the lake, still retains the feel

of an original Haliburton resort. Heather Lodge was built in 1942, after all, and opened as the Ellen Cliff Lodge. At the beginning the property included what's now the Wedgewood Marina, which joins it to the south, and it boasted 28 individual cabins in addition to the Lodge. Those days are



long past, but the property still boasts 5 acres of woods with hundreds of feet of waterfront on 12 Mile Lake. The waterfront

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boasts handsome docks, and even an 80-foot boardwalk.

This winter Arend (with the occasional help from Connie and Paula) will complete the final phase of the renovations which include 5 luxurious courtyard studios and a sauna/spa/hot tub overlooking the lake. The workmanship throughout the facility is impeccable: no expense has been spared on materials or design. And you can tell the Meilings take great pride in their craftsmanship and attention to detail. In fact, the TLC factor is so great you'd think they were creating their own dream home.



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And that care and pride extends right into Heather Lodge's kitchen, where Paula and Connie take charge. The Lodge's clientele is specifically adult, and the menu is sophisticated and straightforward at the same time. "You need to serve a good variety of dishes," says Paula, "but at the same time you don't want an overly-complicated menu – you just can't maintain the quality." Paula attended Georgian College and graduated from the famous George Brown cooking school. She also apprenticed for a time in Italy, and her menu reflects her appreciation of really good, home-made pastas.

"We make sure everything is absolutely fresh," says Connie. "There is no compromise on ingredients." The restaurant's entrees include a Sherried Pork Tenderloin with celery, mushrooms, peppers and apples; Salmon with a White Wine Sauce; Grilled Chicken Breast topped with a creamy white wine sauce and grapes; a Hawaiian Schnitzel topped with ham, pineapple and cheese, and Steak and Shrimp. Pastas include the Heather Lodge Fettuccini, a combination of tomatoes, bacon, mushrooms, onions and garlic

with an Alfredo sauce and topped with either chicken or shrimp: the Heather Lodge Tortellini, a three cheese rainbow tortellini with Oktoberfest sausage, mixed vegetables, tomatoes and garlic in a cream sauce, and Garlicky Shrimp and Scallops on fettuccini with garden vegetables.

The Heather Lodge restaurant is open to the public year round, and the Meilings are gearing up for a great holiday season (reservations are requested). And they still have some room for private Christmas parties for businesses and families, but space is filling up quickly.

It's always nice to see new life injected into old businesses – and the Meilings' transformation of the Heather Lodge is one more welcome testament to the

vitality and future of Haliburton's hospitality industry.

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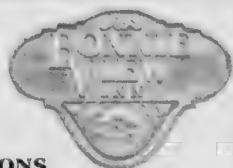
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Musicians Edgar Thatcher and Friends will be hitting the stage to bring you great seasonal and non-seasonal favourites about living in the north and being home for the holidays. Edgar Thatcher is a seasoned musician who began playing guitar at the tender age of 12 and began teaching at 16. He has performed as a solo singer/songwriter for many years, has toured nationally, and was a partner in the critically acclaimed musical comedy team "Men Without Hairs". Edgar and his family are seasonal residents of Esson Lake near Wilberforce who love the area and definitely love the "Holidays in the Highlands". Through talks and dinner party with friend Ken Bradley, also from Esson Lake, the seeds of the cabaret idea were to grow.

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The evening is in support of the Heritage Guild, Essonville Church and Agricultural Society. Attendees can expect a great family event although probably not suitable for kids under 10 due to length of show point of view. There will be door prizes, warm and cold non-alcoholic drinks and desserts available during and after the show. Local artisans will also be on hand and some local talent will also hit the stage. Wondering who? You'll have to attend to find out.

Tickets for the show are now available in advance for \$8/ adults or \$10 at the door. (\$8 with non-perishable food item.) Seniors and kids are \$5, and families of 4 are \$20. You can get your tickets at Agnew's in Wilberforce, Henwood's Variety in Haliburton, or Harvest Moon in Bancroft. Doors open at 7 p.m on the 29th and show runs from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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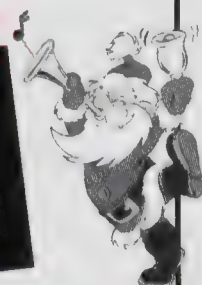
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I Remember When...Moving Along

Last Thursday some seven souls braved the snowy cold and gathered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to share some memories of the past. The idea was to begin to assemble a kind of oral history using Highlanders' memories and reminiscences. Minden Museum Curator Carol Simmons and summer intern Lance Aggett plan to use the material for inclusion in a "memory book" for publication in 2006.

The transcribing of oral histories has played a major role in preserving the past and traditions of many rural and urban communities, particularly in those where there wasn't a strong tradition of local history. That doesn't apply to Haliburton, certainly, but as the times change with amazing rapidity there's no question that many important local histories and significant events are in danger of being lost for ever.

It's to be hoped that this "I Remember When" evening can contribute in an important way to our collective history in Haliburton. The evening was organized by Carol Simmons and the Minden Library's Writer in Residence, Pauline Johnson.

The next program in the Writer-in-Residence program takes place on Thursday, January 26th, and will feature a presentation by Lea Harper and Fay Wilkinson on "The Use of Mythology in Writing", at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Minden Legion News:

Be ready to attend the President's Levee on December 17th from 2 - 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Come on out and enjoy a great social at the Minden Legion.

New Year's Eve Party

Wondering what to do this New Year's Eve? Why not check out the Minden Legion's New Year's Eve Party complete with cold buffet and party favours!!

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Agnes Jamieson Gallery will be finishing off its year with its collection exhibition entitled *A Narrative in Paintings*. The last day for this show is Dec 17th. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery will re-open January 4th and continue for another great year. Season Greetings to All!

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Haliburton Legion News:

By Chris Briggs

Some news from Branch 129. It is with great sadness that I pass on the news of the passing of our poppy chairman Tony van den Akker. Tony died suddenly on November 10th. We would like to pass on our condolences to his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Tony was a very committed man to his family and friends. He was a tireless worker for his Legion. I feel the evidence to this fact is in the tremendous success of this year's poppy campaign. Because of Tony's efforts and organization, all the events that took place on Friday November 11th went all according to plan. I know Tony would be the first person to thank all his volunteers and his committee for a job well done. It was however Tony's energy and fun spirit that made some of the more mundane chores a little more fun. Tony had a wonderful smile and great sense of humour. He will be truly missed. Thank you Tony for touching our lives and showing us what giving is all about.

Also on November 12th Jim Stewart another member of our Branch passed away. Jim was a man with wit and grace. He was always a gentleman and most assuredly he would always call a lady "dear." He worked hard for the betterment of his Branch and his town Haliburton. Jim has left behind many works of art that everyone can enjoy and admire. But he has also left us with a lot fond memories of a very delightful and gracious gentleman. To his family we send our prayers and condolences and we thank you for sharing Jim with us. He will be truly missed.

At this time I would ask that if there is any information you require from the Legion please feel free to call 457-2571. Or you can call me at home at 457-1724. I feel this column belongs to these two gentlemen. For all their efforts and dedication to a place they felt was worth the time and effort they put into it. We salute you both. To Jim And Tony.

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The Chatroom

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then lay the blocks on their edges to form a circle, cutting them to size as they go, so that the end result will be a narrowing spiral. They cap the igloo by dropping a key-stone, or block with edges cut wider above than below, into the remaining gap in the roof, and "grout" the gaps between blocks of snow with additional snow.

The men then call in the resident expert, the Eskimo woman, to put the finishing touches on the igloo. Armed with her whale blubber lamp, she enters the structure, lights her lamp to the highest possible setting, beats a hasty retreat, and seals the entrance with a block of ice. Inside the igloo, the snow

on the roof begins to melt but, because of its domed design, the water melts down the sides of the igloo, and soaks the blocks of snow. When the blocks are almost completely saturated with water, the Eskimo woman returns, douses her blubber lamp, and allows the frigid outside air to rush in, transforming the fragile snow structure into one of hard, solid ice.

The igloo is now prepared for its temporary tenants, whose body heat, combined with the warmth of one to two blubber lamps, maintain its interior at approximately 55°F. Not until the winter ends, and the exterior temperature rises, does the igloo begin to melt. Hopefully, the Eskimos will be long gone by then, as the igloo will collapse...dome-first!

The igloo, a temporary winter hunting shelter to the Alaskan Eskimo does, in fact, melt inside, but not to a great extent.

The snowflakes falling outside of the igloo, in the harsh Alaskan winter, quickly melt when they land on its roof, and provide a replacement layer of insulation for the igloo. The ongoing freezing and re-freezing of the igloo, hardens it, and transforms the blocks of snow the Eskimos used in the construction process into a

solid, icy, domed refuge. The igloo can now withstand the weight of a massive polar bear, should one happen along and have the urge to play "king of the mountain."

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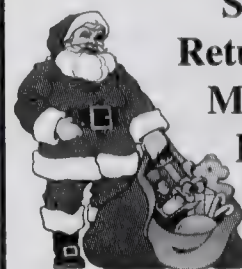
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A message from Dr. Robert Heyes and Dr. David Fiddler

It's hard to believe that another year is drawing to a close. For all of us, it's been a year of high activity and many successes. It is a good time to reflect on our accomplishments and a time to renew our commitment to the future.

Foremost in our minds is the need to complete our commitment to the building fund for the health care facilities in Haliburton and Minden. Now and through the next year, we are looking to raise the remaining \$980,000. We need your continued support to accomplish that task.

We hope you'll join us as we Reach for the Future. Our successful completion of the campaign will mean that we can turn our attention to the development of new health care programs and equipment for the benefit of everyone in Haliburton County.

We accomplished a great deal this year, and a short recap of those successes is listed below. Proof positive of how we have all worked hard to provide health care and peace of mind to those in need.

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HHHS Highlights:

Hospital:

- Telemedicine / video conferencing expanded to the Minden facility to decrease travel time for some specialist appointments.
- In partnership with the regional hospitals, the Toronto East Network and the Provincial & Federal governments, we are investing in digital radiography equipment at both facilities to expedite x ray results
- Expanded physiotherapy services at the Minden facility to reduce waiting times and provide services in the Minden area.

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Crest:

- Purchased floor lifts to enhance resident care and increase resident & staff safety
- Assistant Director of Care and Programs Manager in place to assist residents and families with care plans and activities.



The campaign is on it's way, but still needs a lot of support to reach this year's goal. Pictured with the chart showing \$14,000 raised so far is Eunice Heyes and Dale Walker by the Haliburton Hospital Tree.

Community:

- Application approved and development funding received for the Family Health Team in partnership with the Access Center & Family Heath Network.
- Nurse Practitioner funding received
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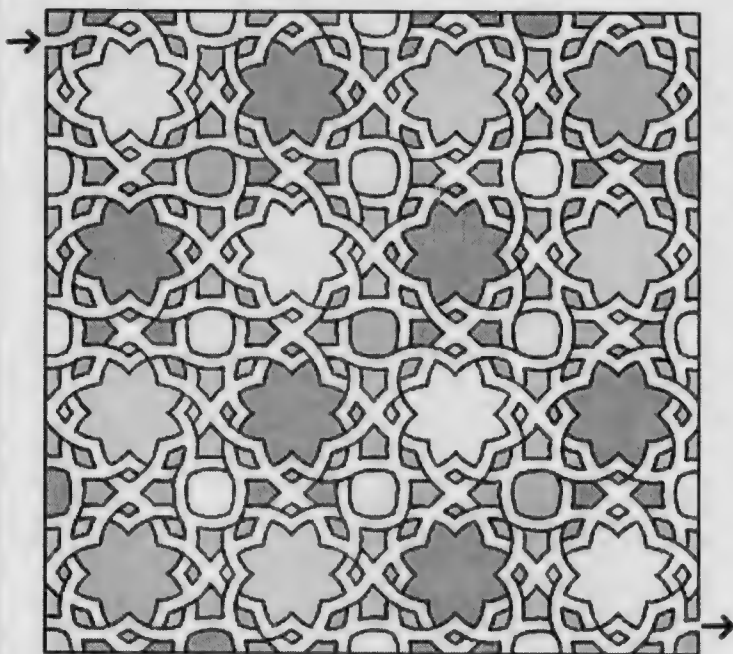
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NOVEL DEFENSE: During his trial on charges of biting off his girlfriend's nose during sex, a 27 year old Toronto man, testified the mayhem was an accident. "It popped off accidentally," he told the court while defending himself after firing his lawyer. He said she had recently lost a lot of weight and that "more likely had made her face more fragile." The jury didn't buy that Pinocchio's tale: after just 75 minutes of deliberation, it convicted the young man of aggravated assault, sexual assault and death threats against the victim, who has undergone significant reconstructive surgery. Prosecutors will seek a minimum 14-year prison term.

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The Police Officers Ball will feature a cocktail hour, dinner, dance and silent auction with many, many items (donated by local businesses) up for grabs. Some items up for the highest bidder include a stainless steel barbeque, a bar fridge, mp3 players and gift certificates, just to name a few.

Tickets to the evening are \$25 per person and include a roast beef dinner catered by Joyce Wright. Monies raised from the evening will benefit The Haliburton Figure Skating Club and The YWCA women's shelter this year.

The idea for the evening came from Minden residents Peter and Lisa Allore, who had been involved with Police Officers Balls during Peter's posting in Sioux Lookout. "They were really successful up there and we thought - why not have one here in Minden?", says Lisa. The intention is to make the evening an annual event with money going to local organizations each year.

The event is licensed by LLBO, and for those who wish to enjoy an alcohol free event, and also for designated drivers, non-alcoholic drinks are complimentary. The dance runs till 2 a.m. Tickets are available at the O.P.P detachment in Minden and at Highland Images in Haliburton, or you can call Lisa Allore at 286-1110. Please note that all tickets must be purchased by December 24th so arrangements can be made for the dinner reservations. If you're looking for something to do on New Years Eve be sure to check into this event. Sounds like a lot of fun and helps a great cause at the same time.

Your Source of Christmas Information

As the Christmas Season approaches, consider the Haliburton County Public Library as your source of information for ideas regarding entertaining, decorating and gift making. There are also traditional Christmas stories and self-help books to help you deal with the stress you may feel at this time of year.

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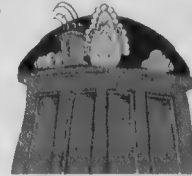


It's The Law!

An old law in Memphis, Tennessee, required that anyone ordering pie in a restaurant had to eat it all on the premises!

It was once against the law in California to set a mousetrap with out a hunting license!

A law in Blyth, California, made it illegal for people to wear cowboy boots unless they owned two cows!



In Alaska, it's against the law to look at a moose from a flying vehicle!

A law in Colorado Springs, Colorado, states any dog is allowed to bite one person!

Sheila Corban, of Huntsville, Texas, was arrested in a hospital emergency room on the charge of having overdue library books!

In ancient China, the punishment for public drunkenness was death by strangulation!

A law in Chicago, Ill., made it illegal to take a French poodle to the opera!

The 2005 Minden Community Basket Program Available For Minden & Area Families In Need

Register By December 16th – Don't Miss Out!!

The Minden Community Basket Program is open to all Minden & Area Families in need of assistance at Christmas this year.

Requests for food boxes must be made by the recipient between December 12th to 16th by phoning 489-2062.

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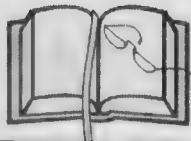
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Lange On The Law



by **Donald J. Lange**
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Illness may befall you and affect your ability to manage your personal and business affairs or make decisions about them. Many people have a power of attorney ready to be exercised in such a situation. A power of attorney is a legal document signed by you to authorize a person whom you trust to make decisions for you when you are not able to make decisions for yourself. It may apply to both your personal life and your business life.

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A court application to become a guardian involves a fair amount of legal work. The person seeking guardianship will have to prove that you can no longer take care of yourself and your property. This usually involves affidavit evidence from two doctors. A "Guardianship Plan" must be filed describing how the guardian will look after your personal care. As well, a "Management Plan" must be filed describing how the guardian will manage your business and personal property. These documents are delivered to the Public Guardian and Trustee who acts in your best interest at the court hearing. When the business and personal property involved is of some value, the Public Guardian often requires that the guardian post a bond as security. All of the expenses involved in the court application and in obtaining the bond are paid by you. Needless to say, it will cost you less to have a signed power of attorney ahead of time and it will also be easier on your business colleagues and family members.

In the next column, I will be talking about constructive dismissal in employment law.

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Rob & Wendy



Rob & Wendy

In Wendy's physiotherapy practice she treats patients with a wide variety of aches and pains stemming from car injuries, sports injuries, chronic back and neck pain, and can even provide pre-natal and post-natal counseling. Physiotherapists work their magic on aching bodies through their intensive training in exactly how muscles work, and how pain in muscles and joints can be alleviated. The profession had its beginning working to rehabilitate and lessen the pain of injured soldiers during the two World Wars. Since then it's become an essential part of programs that prevent injuries and identify small

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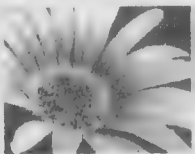
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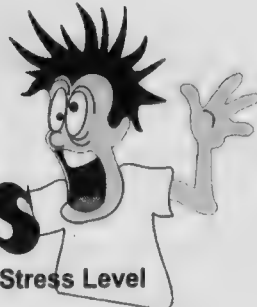
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A Healthy Laugh



I am passing this on to you because it definitely worked for me and we all could use more calm in our lives. By following the simple advice I heard on a Dr. Phil show, I have finally found inner peace.

Dr. Phil proclaimed the way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you have started. So, I looked around my house to see things I started and hadn't finished and, before leaving the house this morning I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of White Zinfandel, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of Kahlua, a package of Oreos, the remainder of both Prozac and Valium prescriptions, the rest of the Cheesecake, some Saltines and a box of Chocolates.

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Hill Chiropractic and Physiotherapy Cont'd...

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problems of movement and motion that can lead to serious pain and physical disability. As well, with the boom in adult fitness programs that involve long-term running programs and the like, physiotherapists have become an essential part of many people's health care programs. Wendy is also fully credentialed in orthotics and can prescribe all manner of orthotic devices.



Wendy and Rob are truly appreciative of the community's continuing support for their practice. Together with their children McKenzie (10) and Ryan (7) the Hills take full advantage of Haliburton's wide range of recreational activities, particularly in winter. But who should know better the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle that these particular health professionals? Although Rob and Wendy will be the first to admit that an indoor community swimming pool would make a great addition to our health care facilities, they also appreciate what Rob calls "the strong sense of an egalitarian community we have here. And there's a great sense of trust among the medical community that ultimately benefits us all, and in particular our patients."

Chiropractic medicine is a manual, drug-free approach to health problems that arise from disorders in the spine, pelvis, and extremity joints that have a painful and sometimes severe effect on the nervous system.



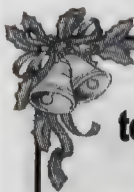
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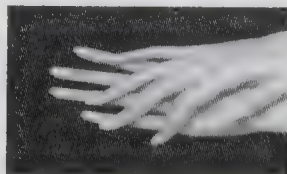
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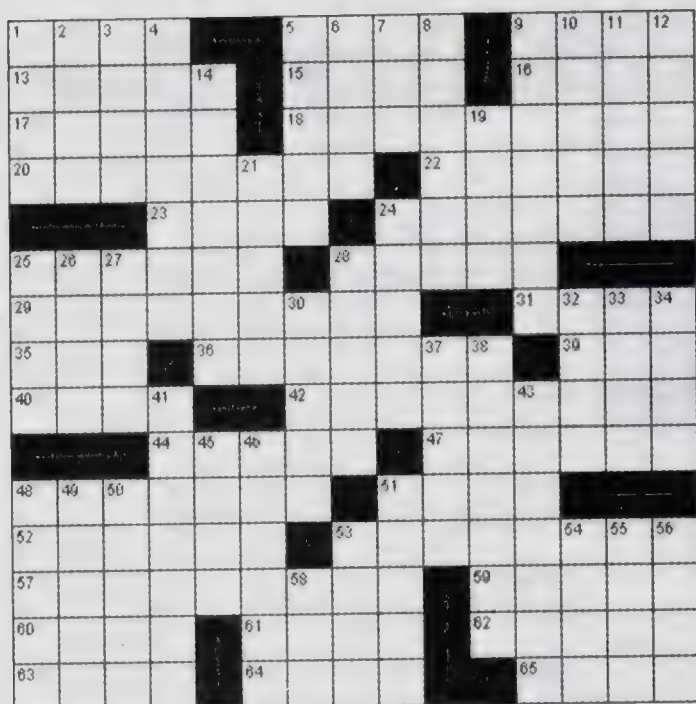
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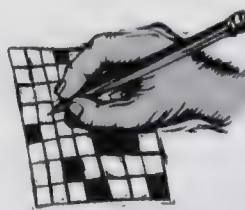
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For solution to this issue's crossword, see page 53...



CrossWord Puzzle Time...

Across

- 1 Curves
- 5 Current craze
- 9 Muscleman
- 13 Legal drama on TV
- 15 Footnote abbr.
- 16 A potent beginning
- 17 Pottery from Japan
- 18 Be rewarded at work
- 20 Sunday in Paris
- 22 Big name in toys
- 23 Shoe part
- 24 Ceases
- 25 Lubricant
- 28 Thin strands
- 29 Keep an eye on
- 31 Pilot's place
- 35 __ roll
- 36 Church book
- 39 Indian prime minister 1991-6
- 40 Magician's stick
- 42 Light boxer
- 44 Shoals
- 47 Disregard
- 48 By unexpressed agreement
- 51 Lose it
- 52 Palestinian leader
- 53 Boxing
- 57 Mauritius capital
- 59 Olympic great Comaneci
- 60 Land in the water
- 61 Pro __
- 62 Utter disdain
- 63 Nurture
- 64 Algerian port
- 65 Ultimatum conclusion

Down

- 1 "Put __ on it!"
- 2 Branches
- 3 Buck
- 4 Malaysian state
- 5 Proper
- 6 Common bonnet content?
- 7 "Vamoose!"
- 8 "My Cup Runneth Over" singer
- 9 Lecherous
- 10 Skips
- 11 Beginning
- 12 Physicist Bohr
- 14 Dark-red winter apple
- 19 Grate
- 21 G, F and C
- 24 Unsportsmanlike
- 25 Incandescence
- 26 Author Jaffe
- 27 Of the dawn
- 28 "War of the Worlds" author
- 30 Chewy candy
- 32 Therefore
- 33 Cowardly Lion actor
- 34 Speck
- 37 J. R. or Bobby
- 38 Gets back
- 41 Vagrant
- 43 Properly positioned
- 45 List ender
- 46 Corrida beast
- 48 Hoglike animal
- 49 Self-identical flower?
- 50 "Cheers" waitress
- 51 Actress Sarandon
- 53 Pocket bread
- 54 Object of worship
- 55 Letter opener
- 56 Lion's crowning glory
- 58 Old Mideast ints.



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To help all you have to do is take an angel from the tree, and buy a suitable gift for that child on the angel, then wrap it and place it back under the tree with the angel attached.

You will be putting a smile on the face of some youngster this year!! What a great feeling that is!!

Bored During Winter?

Why Not Try Curling? It's Not Too Late To Join!!

The Minden Curling Club's 2nd half of the curling season is fast approaching and you are invited to give it a try this year and see why so many are hooked on this fun sport.

Sign up for the 2nd half of the season that begins in January takes place on December 15th.

There is so much to take part in, such as: Jan 2 (Evening leagues) and January 2 (Daytime Senior leagues); and Men's, Ladies Mixed Junior and Senior Leagues.

There are full, half and social memberships available. As well, if you're not a pro, don't worry, instruction is also available.

There is so much taking place during the season – you won't want to miss a beat. From great socials, to fun days, bonspiels, golf tournaments and banquets... this sport is definitely more than great exercise and a great way to pass the winter months away.

For more information, you may contact: Pauline Pollard at 286-1590 (daytime leagues) or Murray Cooper at 286-2615 (evening leagues).

To register contact: Tom Davidson 489-2641 (daytime league) or Doug Brown 286-4380 (evening leagues)

ATV Trails Closed for the Season

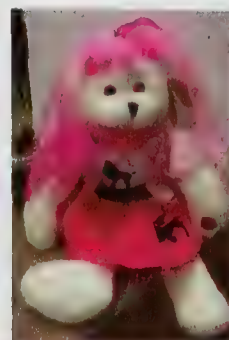
The Haliburton ATV Association would like to thank all of its members for a great season and for riding responsibly.

All HATVA trails are closed for the ATV use from now until April 1, 2006. The only exception is that the Haliburton County Rail Trail does not open until June 1.

The HATVA encourages all ATVers to join the OFATV to help promote and support responsible riding on managed trails. Full membership details can be found on the HATVA website – www.haliburtonatv.com; and on the OFTV's site – www.ofatv.org.

Permits are available now for the 2006 season.

What's HOT on the Shelf?



These cute bears can be found singing up a storm at Highland Images in Haliburton.

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their hands and watch.

They are so cute you will want one for everyone on your Christmas list. There are tons of different bears & songs to choose from. Stop in and see for yourself as they entertain you.



Boys & Girls! ...

The Communicator will be doing a very special Christmas edition!

We are now accepting letters to Santa from our local children.

We will be publishing many of the letters we receive,

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and in addition, we will be drawing two letters, one from a boy and one from a girl.

Those lucky entries will receive a special Christmas prize compliments of The Communicator.

Please include your name, and address, and phone number so we know who to contact. Address & Phone numbers will not be published.

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Letters must be received by Dec. 16

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Please call now to make reservations at the Lakeside Baptist Church - 457-2851 or Judy McKay at 286-3137. They need you to call soon so they can prepare a place for you.

Children's Christmas Party - December 10th

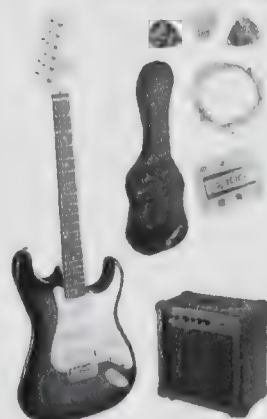


Hey Kids - Santa is visiting the Stanhope Firefighters Hall on North Shore Road on Saturday December 10th and all children ages 12 and under are welcome to attend the Annual Stanhope Firefighter Children's Christmas Party.

Highlights of the day include entertainment, Children's Games, a visit from Santa and Christmas treats.

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Donna Mae

"A new camera"



Rick Grieves

"For all our children to be together for Christmas"



Sue Grieves

"For more people to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas"



Pete Smith

"A Vacation in the Bahamas!"



Lance Edwards

"For everyone to have a safe & happy holiday. Oh, and a boat!!"



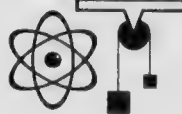
WHAT'S WORSE?



Someone snoring loudly all night next to you?
Someone with bad gas all night next to you?



Why? Because ... Scientifically Speaking



How do we detect whether sound is coming from behind us or in front of us?

The fleshy external part of the ear, called the "pinna," collects and slightly amplifies sound waves. The "pinna" isn't flat against the head but at an angle between 20 and 60 degrees for most people. This means that sounds coming towards us from the front are louder than the same sounds coming from behind. This is just one piece of information that the brain must process to make a judgment about the source of the sound.

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The official Haliburton Highlands video "Haliburton Highlands, A Natural Work of Art" is now available to the public in DVD format. This 22 minute production which has been seen nationally on TV, shows the Highlands in all four seasons and features the arts, communities, the natural beauty, accommodations, seasonal events and activities of Haliburton County.

The DVD makes a great gift, and is available for \$10 including tax at selected retail outlets like the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Whispers North and Golden Stationers in Minden, and the Wintergreen Maple Syrup Shack in Gelert. For more information call George Farrell at 286-4343

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

WE SOMETIMES THINK OF MURDER AS AN URBAN PHENOMENON, BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE, AS MAX HAINES EXPLAINS IN CRIME FLASHBACK

COME ALONG with me to Butler County, Ohio, close by the Indiana state line and meet Marie and Morris Abbott. Salt of the earth were Marie and Morris. Prosperous farmers. Well-liked, too.

That's why everyone was so shocked when Morris was found deader than a mackerel on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks on the morning of June 1, 1948. Marie had called around the night before looking for Morris when he didn't return home from gossiping with the boys over at Buell Lake. Mr. Buell said Morris had spent some time chatting and eating ice cream at his resort, but left for home in his pickup at 10:30 p.m.

No question about where Morris ended up. He was right there on those tracks with his head a terrible mess. The rest of Morris was in perfect shape. His truck was parked near the tracks. Initially, it looked as if Morris had left his truck and walked onto the tracks and right into the train.

DOWN ON THE FARM

BLUDGEONED TO DEATH

An autopsy proved just how deceiving appearances can be. Morris had been bludgeoned to death with an axe or shovel. Eleven trains had passed over Morris that night without disturbing his body. Time of death was estimated to be shortly after 10:30 the previous evening.

Who would want to kill Morris and place his body on the B and O Line? That was the question placed squarely on the shoulders of Sheriff Charles B. Walke. Now Charlie didn't handle a murder case every day, or even every year, but he took to the murder business like a duck takes to water. For starters, Charlie noted that the bed of the victim's pickup truck was scrubbed clean.

Charlie, who may have been part bloodhound, could smell gasoline from the bed of the truck. He figured that Morris might have been killed elsewhere and transported to the tracks in his own truck. If that was the case, the killer had to leave the scene by foot.

Big city cops could take lessons from Charlie. He poked around. Sure enough, he found that stalks of grain in a nearby field were bent. Charlie followed the bent stalks through the field as far as he could. The trail couldn't be followed through a

meadow, but Charlie picked it up again in a plowed field on the other side of the meadow. Smudged tracks led Charlie to a lane, which led right up to Morris' backyard.

Ah, thought Charlie. The murderer had waited for his victim in his own vehicle. He killed Morris, placed the body in Morris' pickup, drove to the tracks, placed the body on the tracks, and walked back to Morris' yard to drive away in his own vehicle.

Charlie's theory was given credence when one of his deputies found freshly overturned earth in Morris' backyard, about 500 feet from the Abbotts' spacious home. Under the earth was a patch of blood.

Charlie dreaded interrogating Marie, who was understandably beside herself with grief. Marie was a fine cut of a woman. Despite her 40 plus years, she had a voluptuous figure to go with her pleasant good looks. She could only tell Charlie that she had driven to nearby Hamilton at 7:30 p.m. the previous night to attend a recital at the Y.M.C.A., arriving home at 11:00 p.m. When Morris failed to return home, she called around and then called police. She hadn't seen anyone drive out of her yard, which wasn't unusual. The road was some distance from the house and the line of vision was obstructed by trees.

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Charlie thanked Marie and headed over to Buell Lake. Mr. Buell gave Charlie the names of the two men who had left his establishment with Morris at 10:30 p.m. These men swore that they had all gone their separate ways once outside Buell's door.

However, they gave Charlie an earful. Seems there was a rumour going around about Marie Abbott and the Abbotts' former hired hand, Scotty Gordon. Scotty hadn't worked for the Abbotts since the previous spring, but, thought Charlie, where there's smoke there's sometimes fire.

Charlie drove to the Derickson farm in Oxford County to speak to Scotty. He found that Scotty had travelled to Indianapolis to take in that city's famed auto races. When he returned by bus, Charlie was there to meet him.

Scotty admitted that he and Marie had fallen in love and had been intimate for the past two years. Morris found out about their meetings in the hot but convenient haymow and the situation had become tense. When Marie refused to seek a divorce, Scotty broke off the affair and went to work for the Dericksons. It had all been very civilized. As a matter of fact, Morris had highly recommended Scotty to Mr. Derickson as an honest, conscientious worker.

To account for his time in Indianapolis, Scotty gave Charlie the name of a friend with whom he had stayed for two nights and the name of the hotel where he had spent the third night. A phone check verified Scotty's story. Still, the whole kit and caboodle didn't sit well with bloodhound Charlie. Why would anyone incur the expense of a hotel if he could stay with a friend? One way to find out was to ask Scotty's friend.

It took under two hours to cover the 85 miles to Indianapolis. Scotty's friend informed Charlie that he had invited Scotty to stay with him on Monday night, the third night of his visit, but Scotty had insisted on moving to a hotel.

That's it. Charlie figured that Scotty could have driven to the Abbott farm, killed Morris and returned to the hotel in the wee hours of the morning without being observed. He could never have done that had he remained with his friend. The move to the hotel had been to establish an alibi.

But how did Scotty do his travelling? He had arrived in Indianapolis by bus and returned home by bus. Charlie checked the car rental agencies in town. Sure enough, Scotty had rented a small truck at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of the murder and had returned it at 3:00 the next morning. Records indicated that it had travelled 180 miles.

As they say in dance circles, the jig was up. Faced with the incriminating evidence, Scotty confessed. He claimed that he had rented the truck and driven to the Abbott farm to plead with Morris to give his wife a divorce. The two men talked in the yard.

Morris was furious and lunged at Scotty. In desperation, Scotty picked up an axe and swung with all his might. In a frenzy, he rained blows to his fallen victim's head.

LIAISONS

Scotty also admitted his liaisons with Marie. They had been meeting at hotels, motels and the ever-handy haymow for years. After the attack on Morris, Scotty told Marie what he had done. She

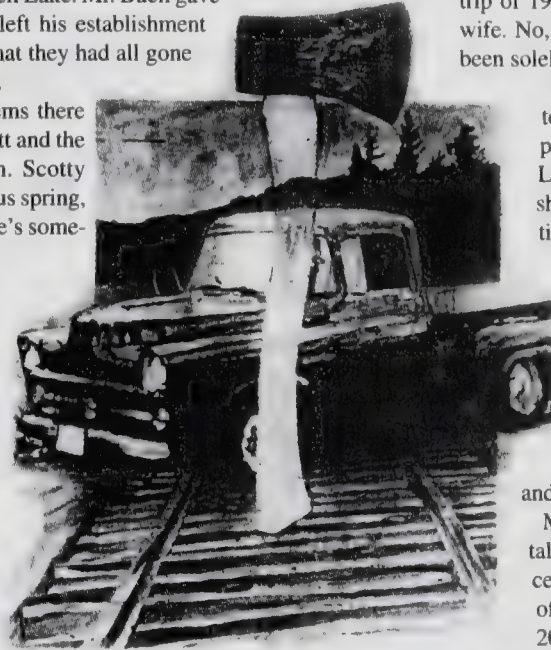
immediately became hysterical.

Well, Charlie wasn't born yesterday. He knew very well it was illogical to believe that Scotty had waited until it required a round trip of 190 miles to talk to a man about divorcing his wife. No, thought Charlie, the trip to Indianapolis had been solely to provide an alibi.

Then there was the weeping Marie to contend with. She had been calling friends at 11 p.m. looking for her husband. He had left Buell Lake around 10:30 p.m., placing him at home shortly after that time, which was the estimated time of death. When Marie was making those desperate calls, she knew very well Morris was already dead.

Marie Abbott and Scotty Gordon were arrested and stood trial for murder on July 20, 1948. Scotty's lawyers conceded that their client had killed Morris Abbott, but attempted to prove that the deed wasn't premeditated. Scotty Gordon was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Marie's attorneys admitted to Marie's horizontal haymow activities, but claimed she was innocent of murder. Marie Abbott was found guilty of second-degree murder. She was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment.



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Who Would... Hello????

In Alaska, it is legal to shoot bears. However, waking a sleeping bear for the purpose of taking a photograph is prohibited

So..Where Did You Say You Live Again...

When the full-length, poetic name of Bangkok, capital of Thailand, is used, it is usually abbreviated to "Krung Thep"(City of Angels). The full-length version is the longest place name of any town or city in the world (167 letters): Krung thep mahanakhon bovoratnakhosin mahinthalayuthaya mahadilok pop noparatratchathani burirom udomratchanivetma hasathan amornpiman avatarnsa thit sakkathattiyavisnukarnprasit.

Swimming Lessons Anyone?

If today's ice caps melted completely, sea level would rise across the world by between 200 and 230 feet. This means the Statue of Liberty would be immersed up to her armpits, and the clock face on the Houses of Parliament in London would be under water.

Anyone Care To Join The Mining Expedition?

According to scientists, gold exists on Mars, Mercury, and Venus.

It's All Good... Any Year!!

The age recorded on a whiskey bottle refers to the number of years it is aged prior to being bottled. Once in the bottle, whiskey does not improve.

I admit... I've had at least a couple...

The number of hamburgers the McDonald's fast-food chain has sold is 12 times the world's total population.

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Why Join The Chamber Again?... Here's Why...

The following is a copy of correspondence between a resort owner and the Chamber. Due to a recent misquote in a local weekly newspaper, the Chamber was under fire by some local resort owners as to why join the Chamber again this year. The

quote, taken completely out of context, made it sound as though the chamber doesn't care about promoting the resort business, when actually, this is far from the truth as Charlene points out in her response to the following letter:

Hi Charlene:

We have received your application form to join the Chamber of commerce. I am a wee bit confused as to what the chamber will do for us. It seems to me, that what we read in the paper, is that the chamber is not interested in the resort business anymore. SOOOO my next question is - why join the chamber ???
Please give me a reason to join

Dear Potential Member:

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has been going through an exciting change this last year. However some local press seems to like to print only negative information.

Let me break down for you just what the Chamber has been doing for you, as well as what the Chamber is doing in the upcoming year.

First, let me say that the Chamber of Commerce is most definitely interested in our Accommodation Providers as well as all of our members. Since we are no longer in charge of the Tourism Marketing for the County, it puts us in a very exciting place to be. We understand that most of our members are trying to survive in an economy driven by tourism. As such we are not eliminating this from our mandate, but instead we are advocating every day on their behalf at the County level ensuring the Tourism Marketing is being done, and being done properly.

This said, we are also working towards our own tourism marketing efforts. Without the extra money from the contract with County, we are relying on our volunteers and membership fees to accomplish several things. For example we are resurrecting the Haliburton County Winter Carnival this year. This promises to be a great event, drawing tourist to Haliburton County for longer than a day. We are encouraging visitors to stay the week and enjoy all that a Haliburton Winter has to offer. We also have the new tourism website www.experiencehaliburton.com. This website is marketed extensively to outside markets, including Toronto and is advertised throughout the year as the place to find information about Haliburton, featuring Chamber of Commerce members only. This is free with your paid membership.

We are also producing a Chamber Directory. Again this is free with your paid membership with advertising opportunities throughout. The directory is currently being bid upon by different printing companies, and we hope to start selling advertising in December, and have the directory ready to go by February. All accommodation providers will be supplied with a number of these directories to have available at their establishments.

I also want to mention that even though we are no longer running the information centre in Minden, we are guaranteeing to our members that through the Chamber we are ensuring our members information get into each and every information centre in the county. We are taking the time to educate the staff and keep them updated frequently about changes and news on each of our members.

There are several other things the Chamber is involved in:

1. A "Highlands Hello" new business welcome; 2. Educational workshops throughout next year - to help our businesses grow and prosper; 3. Advocacy - on both local and provincial levels of government; 4. Rock and Jem Show - planning has begun for Summer 2006;

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1. Visa and Mastercard discount program; 2. Group and health benefits; 3. Networking opportunities for you and your staff through out the year.

As you can see keeping your membership with the Chamber not only benefits you and your business, but also strengthens your community by supporting an organization willing to get the job done.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Charlene English, Administrative Coordinator
Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce
(705)286-1760 - 1-800-811-6111



Church Events

Christmas Season Church Events:

Blue Christmas Service

Minden United Church 7 p.m. - Tuesday December 13

The Highland Hills Pastoral Charge is offering this Blue Christmas Service, which recognizes that Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone. Come for a meditative service to offer to God through music and prayer your pain and desire for healing.

Advent IV - Love

Sunday, December 18

Lessons and Carols

Service at 9 a.m. presented by the Zion United Church Choir in Carnarvon

White Gift Sunday

At Minden United Church. Food and monetary contributions are accepted at our morning worship service to support the local Christmas Basket Campaign and Food Bank.

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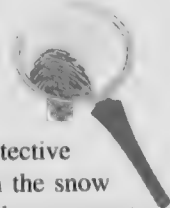
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Who Dun-it?



"Maybe I should start collecting rare art," detective Minden thought to himself as he drove through the snow towards Wilberforce. There had been an unusually large amount of art thefts occurring in the area over the past year and this had the detective thinking the value must be high in rare art.

As Minden arrived at the home in Wilberforce he was met by Constable Harcourt. "What's up Harcourt?" he asked.

Case of the Stolen Statue

"Well, the Clugstons have been gone for the last few days to look after business in Florida, the poor souls, and an extremely rare and valuable statue has been removed from the residence. The maid, Mrs Zelda called in the theft around 1:40," replied Harcourt. He continued, "The only people here were the maid and

the butler Johnson as far as we know."

"When did the theft occur?" inquired Minden.

"It must have happened between 1 p.m and 1:30 p.m. The maid and the butler had just finished lunch together at one o'clock in the dining room where the statue was. Then the maid says she was upstairs cleaning and came down at 1:40. She noticed the statue gone and called the station. I came right away, because I was in the area anyway and you were still in Minden, which is at least a half hour away. The butler was working on the limo in the garage. I talked with him but he says he doesn't know anything because he went to Canadian Tire in Bancroft right after lunch and arrived back just before I got here."

"Well, I'm not too sure about the maid yet, but Johnson definitely has some explaining to do," said Minden.

Why?

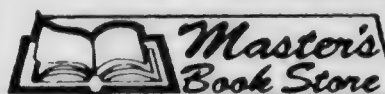
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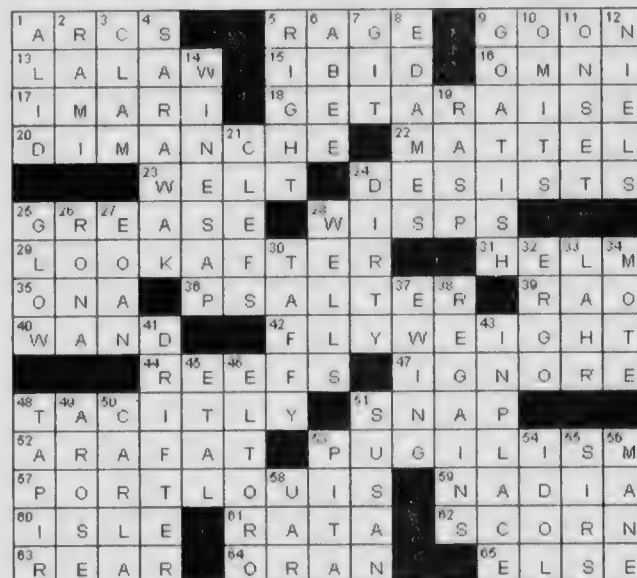
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**There were 10 sams in the last issue.
They were hidden in the following ads:**

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**Thanks Flo
Wilding for the
great one liners!!**

**Who Dun It Solution:
From Pg 52**

Answer: Johnson (the butler) says he went to Bancroft just after lunch, which is a 30-minute drive in both directions. There is no way he could have gone to town, shopped and got back by 1:30. He is lying.

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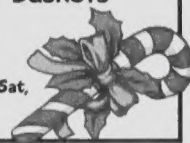
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School Daze!!

By Christine Carr

Less than twenty days till Christmas, and you can feel the stress! As students are working on their Christmas shopping and Christmas plans the homework is still there, as after the Christmas holidays the exams begin to rapidly approach. That does not stop students from having fun, however.

This Friday was the annual semi-formal dance, with the music by a professional DJ, with lights, lasers, bubbles, and more. It was tons of fun, with the place packed and was hailed as a great success by all. Way to go SAC!

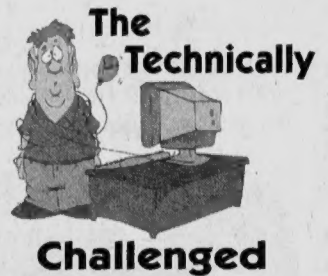
This past Wednesday was an annual event for the music students at Hal High: the annual Christmas concert. As a music student, I can personally vouch for it, as it was tons of fun. The choir sang, as usual, doing a terrific job. The Jazz ensemble played a variety of swing and jazz, with songs such as my personal favorite, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen. It can't get much better than Christmas carols swung! The Concert band also played a couple of songs, such as the soft, lyrical piece Reflections and the fun, uplifting piece Do

You Hear What I Hear. All in all it was a great night, with great music, great solos, and everyone enjoyed the night.

Sports are still going strong into the winter season. The boys basketball team played a game on the second, unfortunately losing, but there is still lots more games to come, so better luck next time! The Wrestling team traveled to a meet with over 400 other participants and they made their mark, bringing home numerous golds, silvers, and bronzes. Just a few of the award winners were Brad Brown, Rebecca Ide, Chris Bryan, and much more! Congratulations!

Snowboarding is also starting up soon, now that the snow finally appears to be staying, and the badminton team is getting into the swing of things with the tournaments starting soon. Overall winter sports are off to a good start this year, and good luck for the rest of the season!

Hopefully everyone has a good Christmas with minimal stress, and good luck to all the students and teachers as the season approaches.



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First place winners, as well as second drawn, will also receive two tickets to the upcoming Home To The Highlands: A Musical Cabaret taking place in Wilberforce on Dec. 29 (see story on pg. 27.)

Questions: Heather Lodge Feature pg. 24-25

- 1: What is Paula's position at Heather Lodge?
- 2: What will they complete this winter?
- 3: Name one menu item.

Questions: Showtime Limousine Services pg. 11

1. How did Grumpy's get their name?
2. How long is the new limo?
3. How many people can the limo seat?
- 4: How many years has Grumpy's been in business?

Mail your entries to:

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Deadline for entries is December 16th

What's Happening In Wilberforce:

All You Can Eat Breakfast:

Wilberforce Ladies Auxiliary will be having their "all you can eat" breakfast on December 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast before attending the Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade.

Santa Claus Parade

Sunday December 11 starting at 12:15.

Christmas Carol Service:

There will be a Christmas Carol Service at the Essonville Historical Church on December 18 at 7 p.m. Everybody welcome!

Santa's Workshop CRAFT SALE and LUNCH - December 9:

Pick up some wonderful Christmas gift made by talented crafters in the area and enjoy "Lunch Out". This Christmas Craft sale is sponsored by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild and lunch is provided by St. Margaret's Anglican Church Ladies. Be sure to buy a bag of REINDEER HAY from the Wilberforce Pathfinders and support their efforts to buy 3 Little Pigs for World Visions needy children. All at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Sat Dec. 03/05. 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

What's Happening in Harcourt:

On December 14, at 12 noon Community Care is hosting a Christmas Luncheon at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt. Chef Jamie will be preparing a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. He will end the meal with a fabulous apple crisp. This event will be great fun, complete with great food and many surprises. Tickets can be purchased at Community Care or by calling 457-2941 Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Or, you can contact the South Algonquin Cookhouse at 457-2941



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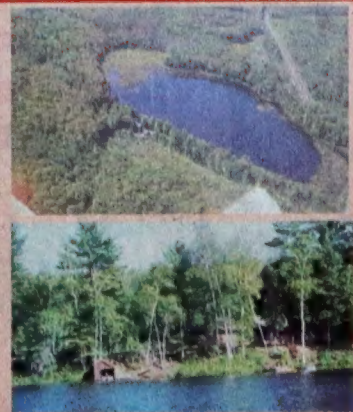
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